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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

H. Q. C. R. Station,

REPORT

Date August 8, 19 38.

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Made by [illegible] d Forwarded by D.I. GLOVER.

Sir,

During the evening of the 7th Aug. 1938, D.S.I. Umemoto of the S.P.O. Staff, informed D.S.I. [illegible] klaevsky that at 10 p.m., that day, the Japanese Gendarmerie required an istance in raiding a house situated in the West Hongkew District, in order to arrest a member of Chinese Mobile Unit. From information obtained by the Japanese military it had been ascertained that one named ZUNG TSUNG NOONG ([illegible]), residing at House No. 7, Lane 831 Tiendong Road, had supplied money to Chinese Mobile Units operating in Pootung.

D.S.I. Maklaevsky relayed this request for assistance to the undersigned, and it was arranged that a member of the S.P.O. and party from the Japanese Gendarmerie should meet the undersigned, D.S.I. Vung Ts Ming and detectives attached to C.I., at West Hongkew Station, at 10 p.m., that evening.

At the appointed time the undersigned met D.S. Yamahara, and a party of Gendarmes under Sergt. Major Katoda, at West Hongkew Station and having obtained the services of three Chinese uniform policeman, proceeded to the address given.

On arrival, this address was found to be a large house owned apparently by a Chinese of some affluence.

An elderly gentleman, Mr. Zung Ping Kai ([illegible]), was interviewed by the undersigned, who stated that the wanted man, his younger brother, was away from Shanghai.

As the Japanese Gendarmerie insisted upon carrying out a search for documentary evidence, a search of the wanted man's room was carried out. No incriminating documents,

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were, however, found. Whilst on the premises D.S.I. Yung Ta Ming ascertained that considerable strife had been going on between certain members of the family for a number of years.

This had been the subject of litigation, and negotiations between the litigants or friends of the family had been going on, and sums of money had been paid in an effort to settle this trouble.

Member 1 Yang Mu, whilst Garrison Commander of Shanghai had attempted to bring about the arrest of the wanted man, on a charge of being a "Traitor", but on this being brought to the notice of the S.M.P. this contemplated action was suppressed.

It is now suspected that one of the disgruntled litigants has caused false information to be placed with the Japanese authorities in the hope of bringing about his arrest.

On leaving the premises, the party, at the request of the Gendarmerie, proceeded to Louza Police Station, where on assistance being rendered by Sub-Inspector Bell, the wanted man's offices, The "Dong Oo Koong" (東方公) Shipping Hong, 1st floor, House No.9 Lane No.389 Hanko Road was visited.

A search of these offices failed to reveal any trace of the wanted man, or any incriminating evidence.

The undersigned has now requested D.S.I. Umemoto to ask Sergt. Major Katoda to obtain a written statement from their informant.

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I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. I.

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S.1 Special Branch. Hdtrs,

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Date August 8, 1938.

Subject Visit to House 7, Lane 831, Tiendong Road by the Municipal Police.

Made by D. S. Pitts Forwarded by

On information furnished by S.J.D.C.

At 11.15 a.m. August 8, 1938 members of the Special Branch accompanied by detectives from West Hongkew Station visited House No. 7, Lane 831, Tiendong Road for the purpose of searching for and seizing anti-Japanese literature which was suspected of being housed on the premises.

Upon arrival it was learned that these premises had been searched during the evening of August 7 by a party from the Japanese Gendarmerie in the company of detectives from Crime Branch Headquarters and uniformed men from West Hongkew Station, but nothing of an incriminating nature had been found.

The D.C. (Special Branch) was acquainted with these facts by telephone and he ordered that this morning's search immediately cease.

S.J.D.C. See.

The owner of the premises, Mr. Zung Ping Chi (陳炳麒), is the proprietor of the Dong Woo Koong Shipping Company, 9/389 Hankow Road. He is quite well known in local circles as being a very respectable person with no political affiliations. He was not present at the time of this morning's police visit, but it was learned that after the Japanese Gendarmerie had searched his home yesterday evening, a subsequent call was paid to his office on Hankow Road by these officers.

Enquiries among the many inmates of the Tiendong Road house revealed that the most probable source of the Japanese information was one Woo Kwang (胡光), a "high class" loafer residing in the West Hongkew district. He has received financial assistance over a long period from various members of Zung's family, but his recent requests for more aid have been rejected. During the past few days, numerous telephone calls from Woo Kwang have been received by Zung's family warning

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the master that something might happen in the near future to endanger his life. A similar message was again received during the morning of August 7 from Woo Kwang.

These activities would appear to be the result of the refusal of Zung and his family to continue "making gifts" to Woo Kwang. This belief is to a great extent corroborated by the fact that Woo Kwang was observed sitting in the car used by the Japanese Gendarmerie during their visit to 7/831 Tiendong Road last night. He was seen by Mr. Zung Nyi Shing (陳義麟), a nephew of the owner of the house.

D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch)

Comm

Sir,

In an endeavour to stop this sort of thing, DC Divs has issued instructions to DOs that in all instances where Japanese Authorities seek assistance to search for literature, the party carrying out the search must include representatives of Sp. Branch (one foreigner & one Chinese minimum)

Jhs Robertson
DC (SB)